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Applicants: Naoko TSUJI, et al.

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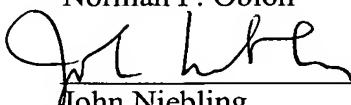
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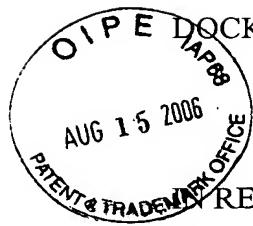
  
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Responsive to the Official Action dated July 18, 2006, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 7-9, drawn to a method of inhibiting hair growth comprising administering to the surface of the skin in need thereof an effective amount of plant extract. Applicants further elect, with respect to Group I, the species in Claim 7 of a rye malt and the species in Claim 8 of the solvent which includes mixtures of water and alcohol.

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